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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESS' RELEASE NO. 070 DATED AUG. 26 TITLED: "EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS OF THE SIX RENOUNCE AEROSPATIALE'S AS 200 PROJECT" :

"EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS BELONGING TO THE "GROUP OF 6" HAVE DECIDED AGAINST FRANCE'S UPCOMING PROPOSAL FOR JOINT MANUFACTURING OF AEROSPATIALE'S AS200 AIRCRAFT OF THE YEARS 1985-2005, REPORTS TUESDAY THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

ACCORDING TO THE TELEGRAPH, 5 MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, CREATED ONE YEAR AGO WITH BAC, HAWKER SIDDELEY, AEROSPATIALE, DORNIER, FOKKER AND MESSERSCHMITT, BLAME AEROSPATIALE'S AIRCRAFT FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO CARRY MORE THAN 145 PASSENGERS WHILE 180 TO 220 SEATS HAD BEEN AGREED TO FOR THE EUROPEAN PROGRAM. THE TELEGRAPH AFFIRMS THAT BRITISH, DUTCH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS ARE READY TO FIGHT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL, HOWEVER PARIS HAS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THE AS 200 PROGRAM WAS ALREADY TOO FAR

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ALONG FROM A FINANCIAL STANDPOINT TO NOW ABANDON IT.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH IS OF THE OPINION THAT
ENGLISH, DUTCH AND GERMAN ADMINISTRATIONS MUST ENDORSE
THEIR MANUFACTURERS' POINT OF VIEW AND THIS WAY FORCE
FRANCE TO ABANDON ITS PROJECT IN FAVOR OF A MORE
EUROPEAN ONE.
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